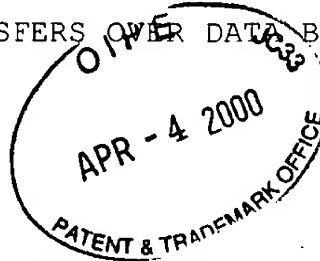


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- ☒ Payment of the basic filing fee of \$690;
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- ☒ A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 CFR \$1.63;
- ☐ A verified English translation of the application and payment of the \$0 fee required under 37 CFR \$1.17(k); and
- ☐ Other:

It is understood that this perfects the application and no additional papers or filing fees are required. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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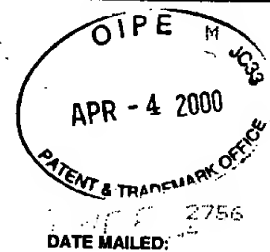
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☒ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

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☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

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An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

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☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

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